Dear Howard,

11/26/76

It got so warm today-almost 65-that the moths are playing against the light from the outside of the windows.

SO I'm tired and about to go to bed a little early for me to rest. I spent about three yours with the machete. For the first hours I did not sharpen it. It has been some time now and I wanted to be sure. Actually, it was probaly safer with it charp. We had a number of trees taken down by high winds more than a year ago. I've been trimming out the branches and leaving the smaller brush to compost. Report is for rain tomorrow but I have all the branches ready for the fireplace. Which I have not yet started.

It felt good to be doing a little physical work again. I even carried the small trunks uphil to the front of the house to stack for later sawing. But the muscles above the right wrist ache.

Thanks for the clips and the check. Lil will pass it through our account and I'll give it to Jim for court and xerox uses. Post it on your records the way you have it on the check and it is xxxx a legit tax deduction. There will be no question, I'm sure, but our books will show it. Besides, Jim has estabblished a separate trustee's account for these.. Opened it with the Wisc. check.

I think I'm carboning you on everything. Post business real dirty.For them as usual. Dirtier because Kessler knew better. He did not check anything with me. In discussing the 11/13 story I went into some of what is dishonest in this piece. It is not easy to explain this kind of kj journalism.

Got a desk xx organizer today. It will make for more effeciency but right now it makes more confusion and work. It is higher than I thought it would be si I'm almost sitting in a cubbyhole. Perfect condition but in the flood so half price.

Thanks and best,